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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the August 23, 2011 Office Action mailed in connection with the above-identified application. A reply to the Office Action is due October 23, 2011. Accordingly, this paper is being timely filed. Please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.